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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6321
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USMTN GENEVA
PASS STR FOR PETER MURPHY FROM USTEXDEL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD
SUBJECT: TEXTILES: EEC TARIFFS AND VAT

1. DR. LAZARE TEPER OF INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS
UNION HAS RAISED FOLLOWING MATTER WITH USTEXDEL REGARDING EEC
TARIFFS AND VAT:

QUOTE: I UNDERSTAND THAT EEC COUNTRIES LEVY VAT IN ADDITION TO
CUSTOMS DUTIES ON US EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL SUCH AS 8
PERCENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM (EXCEPT ON CHILDREN'S CLOTHING)
AND LUXEMBOURG, 10 PERCENT IN IRELAND (BUT NOT ON APPAREL), 14
PERCENT IN BELGIUM, 14 PERCENT IN ITALY (WITH SOME PRODUCTS
CHARGED AS LOW AS 9 PERCENT AND OTHERS AS HIGH AS 35 PERCENT),
18 PERCENT IN DENMARK AND NETHERLANDS, AND 17.6 PERCENT IN
FRANCE (PLUS A 2 PERCENT CUSTOMS' CHARGE), PRESUMABLY ON TOP
OF DUTY-PAID CIF VALUE. THESE CHARGES ARE PRESUMABLY IN
ADDITION TO NORMAL CUSTOMS' DUTIES. IF CORRECT, THE EFFECTIVE
LEVIES ON THESE U.S. EXPORTS DO NOT DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY
FROM THE DUTIES ON IMPORTS FROM THESE COUNTRIES LEVIED
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BY USG. BEAR IN MIND THAT US STATE SALES TAXES ARE NOT
LEVIED, WHEN THESE EXIST, ON THE WHOLESALE VALUE OF
IMPORTED GOODS. UNQUOTE

2. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON AND USMTN GENEVA COMMENT
ON TEPER THESIS.

3. PLEASE REPEAT RESPONSE TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK FOR
USTEXDEL.
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